

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION  
February 25, 2003**

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**FROM: BRIAN McCORMICK**  
Public Administrator-Coroner

**SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CONTRACT NO. 00-319  
RE CORONER BODY TRANSPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve termination of Contract No. 00-319 with All County Transport and authorize the Coroner to give the Notice of Termination.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Based on a discovery made by investigators from the Coroner's office and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has filed criminal charges against two employees of All County Transport. The charges accuse them of grossly mishandling the remains of a 4-year-old girl at the San Bernardino County Coroner's morgue.

As a result of these circumstances, the Public Administrator-Coroner has arranged for body removals to be made by other sources beginning February 14, 2003, pursuant to section I.B. of the contract for coroner body transport service entered into between the County and All County Transport on May 23, 2000, and amended on June 19, 2001 and March 26, 2002.

Also, the Public Administrator-Coroner now recommends that the Board terminate the County's existing contract with All County Transport, for unsatisfactory performance, pursuant to section IV.B. of Contract No. 00-319; and in the alternative, terminate said contract on account of the County's dissatisfaction with the service provided to the Coroner's Department by All County Transport in the past three months, pursuant to section IV.B. of the agreement.

Pending procurement of a replacement contractor, the Coroner will use Purchase Orders for alternate providers.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Dennis Tilton, Deputy County Counsel) on February 19, 2003, and the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on February 19, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** It is estimated that the additional cost involved with switching to alternate providers through the use of purchase orders will be approximately \$5,000 per month. These additional costs will be accommodated within the existing budget.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Brian McCormick, 387-2543

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